

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing comments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the current grounds of rejection and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance.

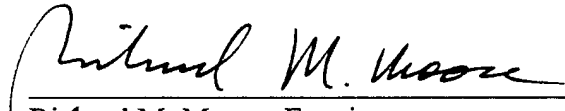
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of this response in order to permit early resolution of the same.

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Appendix A



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Such posts preferably amount to splined tapered mating or mounting posts, which are preferably ultrasonically welded to the components which they support, for keeping all elements stable relative to one another. Other forms of securement may be practiced, such as gluing or other non-detrimental forms of welding and/or attachment.

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Still additional fingers or projections 216 are provided on four relatively outer corners of chassis 170 for securing inner case 16 thereto through interaction with corresponding openings 218 of such case 16. As understood by those of ordinary skill in the art, ultrasonic welding of female receptacles 174, 176, 178 and 182 of chassis 170 with corresponding upright mating/mounting posts 136, 138, 152 and 180 of baseplate 14, results in complete securement of all internal features of device 12 once inner cover 16 is secured.